The American Legion

News: Local, State, National

all New York State

Wounded Comrades in Hospitals Well Cared For on Christmas Day; Dissension in Brooklyn

All members of the American Legion in New York State will devote this week to the final organization of the great membership drive of the department, which is to begin on January 1 and end on February 1.

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Instructions on procedure have been forwarded by State Commander Charles G. Blakeslee to all post commanders in the state, and the suggestions offered by the membership and publicity committees will be followed in all communities.

A quota of 150,000, or approximately wice the membership at present, has been set by Commander Bakeslee, and all legionnaires are confident the mark will be exceeded.

The success of the legion in bringing shout the state bonus for war veterans and the spiendid work the organization has done in providing for its wounded comrades, whether or not they have been members of the legion, has won them enough prestige, they feel, to assure them of a spiendid response among veterans. The fact that the legion's national legislative committee is in Washington striving to make the national bonus a success leads legion officials to believe that the membership drive will win thousands of recruits.

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Literature dealing with the drive and its purposes will be ready for distribution to posts this week, it is believed, and post commanders are urged to see that it gets immediate circulation. The women's auxiliaries have signified their desire to lend every aid in the campaign and it is believed they will enroil several thousand men who etherwise would not have become legionnaires.

Christmas for Disabled

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The manner in which Legion posts of greater New York rallied to their wounded comrades still confined in hospitals in this community on Christmas Day and on Christmas Eve has gained them a host of champions among the patients.

Nearly every post in the five counties had a delegation assigned to one of the hospitals still caring for disabled veterans, and from reports of these visitors the patients received numerous gifts. The State Commander's plea, issued four days before Christmas, had its desired effect.

The Legion and German Opera

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The American Legion has not indosed German opera.
The producers of this sort of entertainment are distributing circulars headed "Legion removes ban on opera in German," and thereby have arroused the ire of state headquarters, in a statement issued on the day the Legion's officials discussed the proposal to give German opera, repeated last Saturday, Vice-Commander William F. Deegan said:
The Legion deplores the fact that German opera in German should be produced in this city while hundreds of wounded and disabled are still uncared for and suffering. It is felt that the gold star mothers and other relatives who have suffered most deeply will not view with pleasure this production."
Commander Deegan said yesterday

An intra-organization dispute has a worage of \$100,000 a year, and in the Kings County Legion which promises more than a passing amount of excitement at the annual eletions of that organization when they are held. In short, General Charles W. Berry and General Charles I. Debevoise, who are the selections of the nominating committee, along with some other candidates, are to be strongly opposed by representatives of the smaller posts of the borough, who charge "steam roller" tactics by the committee.

A meeting will be held to-night by some of the smaller posts, when an entirely new slate will be drawn and delegates will be selected with instructions to the coast where they ply their fishery pursuits, steamship service is an essential and considerable supplement to the railroad lines.

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three hundred volumes covering the doctor of American activities in the wid War have been received through medium of The American Legion levely as a start of a complete Legion library, which will be established as room at metional headquarters.

Posts Preparing for Big Membership Drive; Seek Quota of 150,000

The Woman's Auxiliary in the same period obta ned twenty-seven new units, raising its list to 1,586. Four new units, gained by the New York department, placed this department in the lead for the week. Foreign posts added recently are at Chuquicamata, Chile, and Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Following the action of the American Legion in Bronx County, which sent representatives to Washington to fight the passage of the proposed "blue laws" by Congress, other posts in all five boroughs of New York have put themselves on record against the proposed legislation.

Post Activities

Washington Heights Post plans a dance for February 21, to mark the official opening of the new headquarters, at 155th Street, near St. Nicholas

A military mass will be held this morning for Private William J. Smith, formerly of the 54th Engineers, whose body was returned from France recently, in the Church of Our Saviour, 183d Street and Washington Avenue. On Wednesday morning a mass will be held for Private Cecil B. Hutton, formerly of Company C, 105th Infantry. The Arthur Viens Post will provide the escort for both funerals.

The Maplewood, N. J., Post has of-fered its services to the police authori-ties of that town in maintaining law and order.

U. S. S. Tampa Post will give a dance t the Hotel McAlpin on the evening of

The Thirteen Post, of Brooklyn, will hold a monster carnival on New Year's Eve at the armory of the 13th Regiment, 357 Sumner Avenue, Brooklyn. Ten per cent of the proceeds will be given to wounded veterans.

The following officers have been elected by East End Post: Commander, Dr. Edward Adamas; vice-commanders, Dr. Thomas McCoy, Dr. J. Victor Haberman and H. F. Massey; adjutant, Francis Anioura jr., and treasurer, E. C. Jackson. All were reelections.

James S. Slosson Post has elected the following officers: Commander, E. C. Badeau; vice-commanders, W. J. Mc-Cormack, Francis T. Steele and A. D. Blake; adjutant, H. N. Rodewald, and treasurer, Richard A. Morris.

William B. Irwin jr. Post will hold a masquerade and civic ball on New Year's Eve at Lavelle Hall, 260th Street and Riverdale Avenue.

Newfoundland Rail System Placed in a Commission's Hands

Narrow Gauge Line of 960 Miles, After Weathering War Period, Has to Call Upon Colony for Help

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Nov. 20.-Newfoundland, isolated from railroad communication with the outer world, has

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Commander Deegan said yesterday that his original statement, which expressed the policy of the five county thairman of the Legion in greater New York, was for the purpose of inferming Legionnaires that no official objection would be raised. This design was reached in vew of the fact that it was considered unwise to avoid an average of a sistance, has been forced to call on the colony for help in post-war readjustment.

The immediate result has been the placing of the railway administration in the hands of a joint commission of seven, of which the government has a majority of the members. The commission, equipped with \$1,000,000 of colonial funds, has been set the task of the last five years has had to meet without advance in rates an increase in expenses, which in the case of coal was from \$164,693 in 1915 to \$590,498 in 1920, and in wages from \$507,444 to \$1,745,12 for the same years. As one of the remittee, along with some other randidates, are to be strongly opposed.

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"The more powerful interests in this musty are preparing their steam roller push forward their choices for the county offices."

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Appeal to President Wilson

George Dahlbender Post, of the Bronx.

Is forwarded a letter to President
Wilson urging that the Chief Executars how confined as a result of minor beations of the regulations during the standard post in the post insists that such offends should be freed, in view of the tamory recently extended to a German Lar spy and conscientious objectors. The Bronx County committee will have been accommended by the Reid-Newfoundland Company, in which sons of the builder are now the active spirits, under a fifty-year lease. As payment, the company chose mail subsidies and land grants in preference to cash, the land being regarded of high potential value because of its timber and mineral deposits.

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Of the 960 miles of narrow-gauge line, travel on which is adventurous at times, 546 miles run across the island from St. John's, on the east coast, to a terminal at Port aux Basques, on the west. Much of the road lies across barren wastes, swept by every storm, blocked by snows for weeks at a time and subject to washouts and derailments.

Storms Endanger Trains

At places the thin trains have had to be anchored to the rails by special de-vices as protection against being over-turned by storm. Trains have been two and three weeks in making the 546-mile run which in the United States would be covered in sixteen to eighteen

the American Legion will enter 1921 to shoot 10,600 posts, according to stimates based on the latest figure During the week ending December 10. Aftern new posts were added, brought the total to 9,930. Ar-

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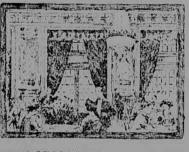
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What the Holidays Do

Holiday time is a breathing space in the year's toil. It is the time when we who have long outgrown the nursery find an excuse to remember the choo-choo cars and rag dolls of yesteryear. It is the time when childish excitement flushes and softens the drawn faces of men, when blushes of surprise and pleasure outglow the costliest rouges on the faces of women. It is the time when children fulfill their real mission in life—that of lighting again the vigil lamps of youth in hearts grown old.

Gift-giving, the material expression of the holidays, is secondary to the spirit which prompts it. Yet, undoubtedly, the loneliness of a room may be destroyed by the presence of a package flaunting a gay bow and a bit of holly. The least costly gift often bears the richest sentiments in its tissue wrappings at holiday time.

Rotary Sends a Message

The supreme message, at Christmastide, has come down, undimmed, through the ages — "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." The Rotary Club of New York suggests that, couched in less beautiful language, the message might become more universally understood. Therefore Rotary paraphrases it to read: "You who have been at strife, find Peace and share it with your enemies. You have cherished thoughts for your welfare, alone, and have closed the ears of your heart to the appeals of others, open wide all barriers and stretch out the hand of pathy and love to those whose paths cross yours."

Do this because it is holiday time.

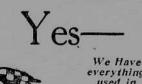
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